

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT,

February 15th 1882.

Gen. A. Loudon Snowden,
Superintendent.

Sir:

I have the honor to call your attention to the character of the Tallow being furnished by Messrs. Harold P. Lewis & Co., for the use of this Department.

For our use, we require the best Tallow made - the same technically called "best Refined Cylinder Tallow" - It is the most expensive, but decidedly the most economical - one pound of it will go farther than a pound-and-a-half of the common article.

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Very Respectfully,
Wm. D. Lewis
Chas. B. Byrnes
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